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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of: Bauder
Serial No.: 10/030,328
Art Unit: 3725
Examiner: Goetz
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For: Method for Producing a Strip
Like Pre-Material

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 24, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

A restriction requirement between Groups I, II and III has been set forth by the Examiner. This restriction request is traversed for the detailed reasons set forth below.

Further, it is significant to note that the European Patent Office initially made a non-unity objection substantially similar to that of the Examiner in the United States. The European Patent Office was convinced, based upon the substance of the arguments made below, that the non-unity objection (substantially similar to the restriction requirement) was inappropriate in the circumstance, and that in view of the detailed technical position set forth by the Examiner, the non-unity objection was withdrawn.

Ultimately, the European Patent was granted, and we enclose an extract thereof, namely the front page and the English language claims, which include all 74 claims.